

18 January 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Meeting with Representative Mahon, Chairman,  
House Appropriations Committee - 15 January 1965

1. The Director met with Mr. Mahon in the Capitol for somewhat over an hour on 15 January 1965. Also present were Robert Michaels of the Committee staff and John S. Warner. Mr. Mahon discussed some possibilities for members of the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations indicating some of his considerations. No decisions were made by Mr. Mahon on this. He clearly indicated that he wished to fulfill completely the responsibilities of the Committee in connection with reviewing the Agency's budget and looking at its activities in general. The Director stated that he felt a record would be appropriate for these meetings and indicated that he had reached agreement with Mr. Rivers that a tape recording would be made.

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2. Mr. Mahon stated that he would not be able to set a meeting for the Agency budget on the tentative target date of 25 January.

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3. Mr. Mahon stated he would like to have the Director appear before the Defense Subcommittee before that Committee heard Secretary McNamara. Mr. Mahon and the DCI agreed that in all likelihood this would take more than one day. The Director indicated the scope of the briefing he had done for Senator Russell on 11 January, mentioning TKH. Mr. Mahon

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thought this would be helpful but did indicate he did not wish the briefings restricted solely to the Soviet military posture. He would like the Director to take up all important matters. Among the topics touched on at the meeting and later by the Director were the following:

**Egypt and other countries receiving U. S. aid but condemning the U. S. and the UN and other forums.**  
(The Director mentioned Nasser's public statements as contrasted with some of his private statements.)

**Viet Nam**

**Cuba**

**Latin America**

**The Congo**

**Sino Soviet rift.**

The Director indicated he would like to deal with one subject at a time and then open it up to questions before proceeding to the next item on the agenda. Mr. Mahon agreed that this could be done. It would appear that it might be early or middle February before this briefing could be done.

4. Mr. Mahon inquired about the Director's personal plans and a possible successor. Mr. McCone responded appropriately.

5. The Director raised the suggestion made by Mr. Rivers and Mr. Blandford that the Director might brief the House leadership, i. e., the Speaker and the Majority and Minority leaders and whips. He pointed out the suggestion was made in order to provide a better base to cope with efforts at a joint committee. Mr. Mahon indicated he had heard nothing about a resurgence of this effort adding that it might be a good idea to do such a briefing but that both Ford and Arends were fully briefed on the Agency and certainly would not support a joint committee.

6. The Director discussed some considerations about his responsibility as DCI for the entire intelligence budget which amounted to [redacted] and involves more than [redacted] people. He ran down the list of agencies involved:

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**CIA**

**DIA**

**The Service intelligence components  
and their mapping efforts**

**The NRO program**

**The cryptographic effort of the three  
Services and NSA**

The Director stated that he felt that further efforts should be made in attempting to oversee the general intelligence effort of all of these components and their budgets. He mentioned the small staff he has assisting him on this pointing out he had increasingly brought USIB into a management role on the various intelligence activities. Mr. Mahon thought this was certainly a worthwhile effort and agreed that more emphasis should be put on it.

7. Mr. Mahon expressed appreciation at the Director coming up to talk with him. He stated he would be in touch with us on dates for the various meetings.

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